of Rs. 20 crores to promote industry and trade in the State. Similar request was made by Chief Minister, Punjab during 1986 referring to the request of the Governor. The State Govt. was informed that since substantial Central assistance had been provided to the State during 1984-85 to 1986-87 it would not be possible to provide further assistance separately for this purpose. It was also indicated that the State Govt. might reorder their Plan and non-Plan priorities to meet this requirement. However, under the scheme for Industrialisation for Backward Areas, the following amounts of subsidy have been disbursed to the State:—

	(Rs. in crores)
1983-84	1.63
1984-85	3.49
1985-86	2.80
1986-87	2.26
1987-88	2.22

In addition, industrially backward districts of the State are also entitled to income tax incentive and concessional finance.

GNLF bid to obtain weapons from Khalistan terrorists

897. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) militants might obtain sophisticated weapons from Khalistan terrorists in order to continue their 'do-or-die' movement, as reported in the Indian Express of the 18th June, 1988;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to inquire into such dealings of GNLF with the terrorists; and

(c) what are the facts in this regard and what further steps Government propose to take to curb such activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Government have no confirmed information to indicate that the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) militants have established any link with the Khalistani terrorists.

Passing of the duty concessions extended to textile industry to the consumers

898. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile industry has not passed on to the consumers the benefits accrued to it from the massive excise duty relief granted by Government to the industry in the current Budget;

(b) if so, what was the total amount of relief so granted to the textile industry; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Textile Industry has partially passed on the benefits of the excise duty relief granted in the 1988-89 Budget to the consumers. Since there are various levels, from the manufacturer to the ultimate consumer, the impact of duty relief on the final consumer, i.e. consumer of the fabric, may take some time.

(b) The total amount of estimated revenue effect in one full year on account of the concessions given to the man-made fibres and yarns in the 1988-89 Budget is Rs. 20841 lakhs in respect of basic excise duty and Rs. 2843 lakhs in respect of additional duty on textile and textile articles.